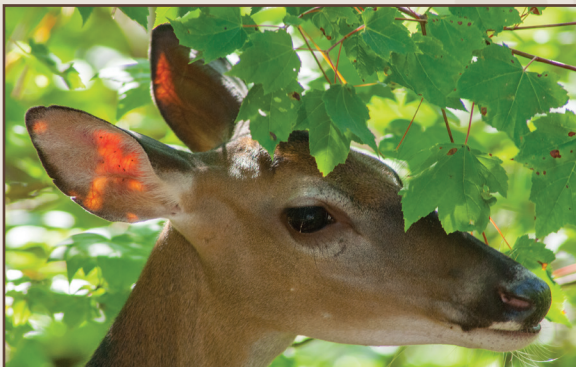


Antlerless Deer Quota Program

- Antlerless Deer Quota Program (ADQP) becomes "Deer Quota Program" (DQP).
- This property based program has been in place for over 50 years.
- Landowners/Clubs request a quota of tags to be used on their property.
- DNR determines the quota and issues tags based on the size and location of the property and the goals of the participant. Harvest reporting is required.
- The only change is applicants may choose between receiving a quota for antlered and antlerless deer or select only one. If they choose only one, then hunters on the property must use their personal tags for the one not chosen. Otherwise, personal tags cannot be used on quota properties.
- As in the past, the "limit" is on the property not the persons hunting the property
- Fee remains at \$50 per application and applies equally to residents and nonresidents.
- Buck quotas will be based upon buck harvest data that program participants reported for the last 3 deer seasons and represent the average buck harvest in terms of acres per buck harvested for program participants in a given county. Different buck harvest rates at the county level are partly based on local hunter philosophy related to buck harvest. More importantly however, is habitat productivity and the fact that some counties naturally produce more deer than other counties simply because the habitat is better.



Michael Foster



Effective 2017 deer season all harvested deer in SC are required to be tagged at the point of kill.



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2017-2018 Deer Tag Regulations



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Residents

When residents purchase or hold a License/Big Game Permit they will receive a **base set of tags at no cost**. Youth hunters and Lifetime, Senior, Gratis and Disability licensees receive tags for free by request. The tags consist of the following:

- ◆ 3 unrestricted antlered buck tags.
- ◆ 8 date specific antlerless deer tags. Each tag is only valid on one specific day and no other day. Similar to the “doe days” in recent years.

Residents including youth hunters and, Lifetime, Senior, Gratis and Disability licensees **may also purchase 2 antler restriction buck tags for \$5 each**.

- ◆ Buck must have 4 points on one antler or a minimum 12-inch inside spread.
- ◆ There is no particular order in which any of the antlered buck tags must be used.

Residents **may purchase up to 4 Individual Antlerless Tags for \$5 each** just like the past. Tags are valid on any day beginning September 15 in Game Zones 2, 3, 4 and October 1 in Game Zone 1.

Resident archery hunters may use any of the date specific tags to take antlerless deer on any day during archery only or primitive weapons seasons beginning September 15. The archery notation and actual date must be validated on the tag. Once used, however, these tags would no longer be available for use on the designated days during firearms season.



Edward Walker

Non-Residents

Adults receive no free tags with purchase of License/Big Game Permit and must also purchase deer tags in order to deer hunt.

◆ **May purchase up to 4 antlered buck tags.**

- ▶ 2 unrestricted antlered buck tags.
- ▶ 2 antler restriction buck tags: 4 points on one antler or a minimum 12-inch inside spread.
- ▶ Cost: \$50 for first antlered buck tag- \$20 for each additional (\$110 for all 4).
- ▶ After the purchase of an unrestricted buck tag, there is no particular order in which the buck tags must be purchased or used.

◆ **May purchase up to 4 Individual Antlerless Tags** just like the past. Tags are valid on any day beginning September 15 in Game Zones 2, 3, 4 and October 1 in Game Zone 1.

- ▶ Cost for non-resident antlerless tags is now \$10 per tag.

Youth **receive base set of tags for free** by request like resident youth. **May purchase one antler restriction buck tag (\$50) and up to 4 Individual Antlerless Tags (\$10 each).**

Additional Information

Deer tags will not be available over the counter at point of sales vendors. They will be available over the counter after Aug. 1 at DNR offices located in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia (downtown and Farmer's Market), Florence, and York. Tags may be requested after July 1 by phone at 1-866-714-3611 or online at: <http://dnr.sc.gov/purchase.html>. Tags will not be mailed until early August.

Resident hunters who have an active License/Big Game Permit when deer season begins will automatically receive their base set of tags in Aug. Residents whose License/Big Game Permit expires before deer season begins should renew their License/Big Game permit at least 7-10 days prior to deer hunting so their deer tags can arrive in the mail.

Nonresidents may purchase their License/Big Game Permit over the counter, online, or by telephone. However, deer tags can only be

purchased at DNR offices, online, or by telephone.

Allow 7-10 days for tags to arrive in the mail for online and telephone purchases.



Phillip Jones

Tags are valid for the entire deer season, however, hunters must maintain an active License/Big Game Permit to legally deer hunt.

The statewide limit on antlered bucks using individual “personal” tags is 5 for residents and 4 for nonresidents. In each case, 2 of these bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or a 12-inch inside spread.

Regulations limit the total number of antlerless deer that may be taken regardless of how many antlerless tags a hunter has. In Game Zone 1 the limit is 4 antlerless deer total. In Game Zone 2 the limit is 5 antlerless deer total. The antlerless limit in Game Zone 3 and 4 is a total of the 8 date specific antlerless tags issued with the Big Game Permit and the number of Individual Antlerless Deer Tags the hunter chooses to purchase.

Daily limit of 2 for antlered bucks or antlerless deer using personal tags for residents and nonresidents.

There are additional restrictions on tag use and bag limits on Wildlife Management Areas see 2017-18 Regulations Guide for details.

Deer taken on WMA Lottery Hunts will be tagged by on site DNR staff, hunters will not be required to use their personal tags.

Deer Processors have always been required to mark carcasses hanging in a cooler with the hunter's name, address, and hunting license number (SC Code 50-11-1700). With the new tagging program processors may choose to simply leave or replace the tag on the carcass that serves the same purpose.